

Mayor, Council & Franchise Agreements Up for Election

The mayoral seat and three Council seats are up for election in the Primary Election on **Tues., March 8**. Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, whose term is up, is running unopposed for a four-year term for Mayor. The three Council seats that are open currently belong to Council Member Ken Porter whose second four-year term is up (he cannot run again due to term limitations); Council Member Sue Linney, who has chosen not to run again; and Frank Cavalier whose first four-year term is up.

Candidates who are running for the three Council seats are: Gabriel Bey, Incumbent Frank Cavalier, Maxine Hill, Brenda Holland, and Georgia Lord.

Also on the ballot are franchise agreements between the City and APS and the City and Southwest Gas so these two companies can continue to use the City's right-of-way for infrastructure.

Lower Your Sewer Bill If You Live South of I-10

Remember to conserve the amount of water you use both indoors and outdoors during January, February and March!

This is the key to keeping your sewer rate low for the next year. The City averages your water usage for those three months to determine your Winter Quarter Average (WQA). This average becomes the maximum sewer rate you can be charged per month for 12 months from May 2005 through April 2006, *even if your usage is higher than the WQA*.

Try not to fill swimming pools or hose off driveways and sidewalks and don't over water the landscaping during these months. For most plants, you can shorten your watering schedule in the winter months. Conservation works!

Get Mail Ballots for March 8 Election! See Back Page for Request Form!

Bring the Family to the Tres Rios Nature Festival

March 12 - 10 am to 6 pm

March 13 - 10 am to 4 pm

Estrella Mountain Regional Park

Enjoy a beautiful Goodyear spring day and learn about the place we call "Tres Rios", the site where three rivers, the Agua Fria, Salt and Gila, meet. This two-day event is a great family excursion right in Goodyear! This festival celebrates our rivers, wildlife, history and heritage.



- Visit the extensive children's area with hands-on crafts, live wild-life, educational displays and activities.
- Listen and talk to experts about wildlife, the outdoors and the rich history of the area!
- Take a beginning bird walk or more advanced wildlife watching tour.
- Shop the many vendors and enjoy great food and entertainment!
- Free Fishing Clinic for kids/youth

Festival admission is \$10 per car. For info: www.tresriosnaturefestival.com

Senior Pro Rodeo In Town - Feb. 25, 26, 27

The SW Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Goodyear host senior pro rodeo cowboys and cowgirls on Saturday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, Feb 27. The spectator event starts at 2 pm each day with the hilarious Corporate Challenge Calf Dressing competition during Saturday's intermission. Sunday's intermission, features the funny Kid's

Security Alarm Permit Fee Due Now

According to a 1999 City ordinance, security alarm permits are only good for one year - from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. No matter what time of year you obtained your permit, that permit is only good until Dec. 31 of that year. It **MUST** be renewed each year. The cost is \$10 if renewed within thirty (30) days **prior** to expiration. If the permit is re-newed within thirty (30) days **after** expiration, a \$20 administrative fee will be assessed.

If a permit is not renewed within thirty (30) days after expiration, the permit will be discarded by the City and you will owe for a new permit. Renew your permit and avoid paying fines. There is a \$250 fine for a false burglar alarm and \$500 fine for a false robbery/panic alarm or fire alarm if public safety is dispatched and you have no permit.

Those who need a Security Alarm Permit Application for their residence can obtain it online at Goodyear's website: www.goodyearaz.gov. Click on *Citizens' Services* on homepage.

The completed permit and permit fee should be mailed or delivered to the Police Department, 119 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338. Make checks payable to "City of Goodyear."

Calf Ribbon Chase. Bareback riding, calf roping, ladies barrel racing, team roping, saddle bronco riding, bull riding, and steer wrestling will dazzle the crowd that weekend. The rodeo grounds is in Estrella Mountain Regional Park, 5 miles south of I-10 off Estrella Parkway. Call the Chamber at 623-932-2260.



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Home Fire Sprinklers Help Us Protect You

Goodyear's City Council recently adopted a residential fire sprinkler ordinance that will have far-reaching impact on the safety of all future of Goodyear's residents. After a fact-filled presentation by our Fire Department on the value of residential fire sprinklers, an eye-opening live demonstration of how fast fire sprinklers work to suppress fires, testimony of how effective the residential systems have been in Scottsdale, and a very in-depth discussion of the pros and cons, your City Council voted 6-1 on January 10th to require fire sprinkler systems in all new homes constructed in Goodyear. The ordinance will go into effect July 1, 2005 for all new homes receiving a building permit on or after that date.

It also benefits our current residents . . .

Now that the cost of a residential fire sprinkler system has come down to about \$1,500 for an average home (based on actual Scottsdale costs) and the systems have become very reliable, the time seems right to us. Our current 13,500 homes represent only 10 percent of the eventual homes that will be built in Goodyear. By making such a decision this early in our city's development while our population is only 37,000, we will be able to add an extra level of fire protection to 90 percent of our total households.

It also benefits our current residents because having fire sprinkler systems in future houses will result in smaller

fires with less property damage and financial losses. Less fire and water damage means these fires take less time to clean up. This frees up our fire personnel for other calls and makes them more available for emergency medical services (EMS) which account for 80 percent of our Fire Department's total calls.

We have many needs in addition to fire protection that we must fulfill for our residents such as police safety, building parks, fixing roads, building a library, and adding recreation programs. As we try to balance all of these needs with our limited resources, having fire sprinklers in every new home will serve as an extra safety net until we can get fire stations built to improve response rates to all the new subdivisions.

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Not everyone agrees with our decision. A representative of the Arizona Homebuilders Association told us at our Jan. 10th meeting that the association's members oppose our decision because they believe everyone should have a choice on whether to include fire sprinklers in their home since it could increase the price of the house.

However, Peoria's Fire Chief told us at the same meeting that his city's policy of making fire sprinklers optional is not working well because not all homebuilders present fire sprinklers in the same way they do other optional amenities; therefore, few home owners are choosing to include fire sprinklers.

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One of the key jobs we have as your governing body is to ensure your safety. Our building inspectors do that every day by making sure new home construction or home improvements are done in the correct way and in keeping with strict building codes. Those codes are in place to protect you. For instance, the walls and roof must be constructed to meet standards that assure your home's structural integrity. You do not have the choice to pay less to meet a lesser standard. You must pay to meet the requirements of the building code. Many of us believe home fire sprinklers should be treated in the same way.

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We want to save the lives of our residents and our firefighters. Residential sprinkler systems have proven to do that, and, as providers of your fire protection, we believe it is our responsibility to make it mandatory for new homes. In Scottsdale, at least 13 lives have been saved by residential sprinkler systems since their ordinance went into effect. We have had no fire-related deaths in Goodyear in more than 18 years and we never want any in the future. We think this ordinance will help us accomplish that.

Goodyear City Council



(L to R): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter and Frank Cavalier.

Council Calendar

City Council Regular Meetings and Worksessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

Monday, Feb. 7 - 5 p.m.
Worksession

Monday, Feb. 14 - 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 22* - 7 p.m.
Worksession

Monday, Feb. 28 - 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Monday, March 7 - 6 p.m.
Special Meeting

Tuesday, March 8
ELECTION DAY

Monday, March 28
Worksession

*Changed due to Monday holiday

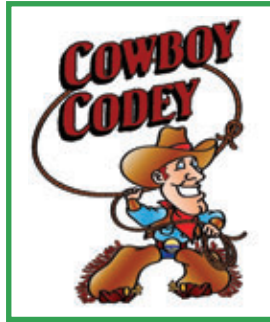
City Holiday Schedule

President's Day Holiday
Monday, February 21

City Offices closed

Contained Trash
Normal service

Uncontained Trash
Normal service



Cowboy Codey Sez:

Neighbors Can Help Neighbors

Maybe you have a problem next door or down the street. Maybe the owner needs some help to resolve the problem. As shown in the examples below, a little bit of neighborly concern can go a long way. Showing concern and offering to help is a great way to generate neighborhood unity. Maybe these examples will help.

Is your neighbor's grass overgrown? Wondering why they let the yard go?

One neighbor decided to use a friendly approach to find out why the yard was not being maintained. The neighbor was surprised to learn that the neighbor was ill and the lawn was the last thing on his neighbor's mind. An offer to cut the grass was welcomed and brought a smile to his neighbor's face. An act of kindness resolved the concern.

A woman was overwhelmed by the amount of junk she had accumulated over the years.

With no family or friends in the area, she was at a loss as to what to do. A neighbor spoke with her gently about the blight which was visible to all. The neighbor helped put her in touch with a community service organization. The organization sent volunteers to the home and removed all the junk—to the delight of the neighborhood. Neighbors brought outdoor plants to the woman's home and asked if they could plant them for her. It was a Spring she would never forget.

See Page 4 for more information on how Goodyear's Community Initiatives Department can help with neighborhood issues.

Request for Mail Ballot

Goodyear Primary Election - March 8, 2005

Registered Voters! Vote-By-Mail!

*** No Driving * No Parking * No Waiting in line**

To order: fill out this application entirely. Cut it out, place a stamp on it and mail it. It's as easy as that! Your ballot will arrive in the mail.

Please Print

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birth date ____/____/____ State of birth _____

Signature Required _____

For requests for additional ballots, call Maricopa County Elections -602-506-1511 or e-mail: (www.recorder.maricopa.gov/EarlyVoteBallot/evbrequest.aspx) by 2/25/2005.

Sign Up for Goodyear Little League; Coaches & Volunteers Needed

AGES

5-6 Tee Ball (Co-ed)

7-8 Farm League-Coach Pitch (Co-ed)

9-10 Minors BB and SB (Try-outs 2/12&13)

11-12 Majors BB and SB (Try-outs 2/12&13)

13-14 Juniors BB and SB (Try-outs TBD)

15-16 Seniors BB and SB (Try-outs TBD)

16-18 Big League BB and SB (Try-outs TBD)

COST

\$40.00 (Includes Shirt and Hat)

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\$65.00 (Includes Full Uniform)

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\$85.00 (Includes Full Uniform)

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* Players who would like to move up one age group must attend try-outs on above mentioned dates for evaluation of skills

* The following documents are needed in order to register: Child's Birth Certificate, Parent's State ID, Utility Bill, and Checking Account Statement

*Cash (correct change), check, or money order only **(NO CREDIT CARDS)**

Sign-Up Dates/Locations

Sat., Jan. 22 & 29:

- **Native New York Pizza**, Safeway Center at corner of Van Buren and Estrella Pkwy (11am - 2 pm)
- **Goodyear Community Park**, Litchfield Rd, north of Thomas (9 am - noon)
- **Estrella Elementary School** parking lot near the gym (9 am - noon)

Wed., Jan. 26,:

- **Native New York Pizza**, Safeway Center at corner of Van Buren and Estrella Pkwy (5 pm - 8 pm)
- **Goodyear Community Park**, Litchfield Rd, north of Thomas (5 pm - 9 pm)

Jan. 31 thru Feb. 11:

- **Goodyear Public Works**, 200 South Calle Del Pueblo, behind Tru Value Hardware on Western Ave. (7:30 am - 4 pm, Mon. thru Fri.)

COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To ask questions or to volunteer, call Troy (623-882-7536).

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Community Initiatives Department is Here to Assist

If there is a problem that you cannot resolve as neighbors, such as the problems Cowboy Codey describes in this **CityReport**, please feel free to call the City of Goodyear Community Initiatives Department, which will try to help you find a resolution.

The department's **Community Advocate** is here to help resolve any questions or concerns you or your neighbors might have regarding city issues or services. The **Neighborhood and Volunteer Manager** is here to partner with neighborhoods in setting up alliances and meetings or to help you find resources for assistance in neighborhood projects. The **Code Compliance Officers** can also be your partner to assist you in protecting your property values and keeping your neighborhood clean and safe.

Community Initiatives Main number: 623-882-7808

Linda Dillard, Community Advocate: 623-882-7800

Lili Schuett, Neighborhood & Volunteer Manager: 623-882-7801

Code Compliance Complaint Line: 623-882-7815

Be sure to mail this form back to Maricopa County Elections before 5 p.m. on February 25th, 2005!

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**Maricopa County
Elections Department
P.O. Box 20681
Phoenix, AZ 85036-0681**

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7752. TTY 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

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